

Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting Minutes

03/11/2020

- Attendance : Sandra Lane, Lara Sargent, Russ Lane, Andrea Cox, Eric Michelson, John Mitkus, Phil Mallard, Peter Anderson, Jean Reilly McGinn, Russie Lane
- Updates: Andrea provided a general overview of the committee's work for the last year for new people attending the meeting. Peter provided an update on the DEP permitting process. He explained that there is not DEP approval yet, so the group does not want to publish any plans since there is nothing definitive until the permitting is complete. When Peter went to submit the full permit, he called to find out the fee schedule for this process. He spoke with Jim Byer about the project who said a full permit wouldn't be needed if the path was six feet wide rather than eight feet. Jim then said that if the town approved the eight feet then the DEP would approve the eight feet. So, Peter went to the Select board who asked Peter to take it to the Parks Commission and everyone approved along the way. Therefore, a permit by rule will be pursued which should only take 14 days. Peter believes the path will be approved. The details about the path will be developed once the DEP permit is in place. But once those details are determined, funding for this project will be easier to pursue. Andrea asked if there was a fee involved for the Permit by Rule and Peter said the State fee is \$250 and the town would waive their fee. Andrea asked if Peter had a way to provide some better details on the plan for the public, once those are established. Peter said he has the tools to show these details in such a way that allows for expansion of areas. John asked what the path would be made of and Peter said it would have an underlay material depending on the soil. Drainage would be determined based on conditions discovered as the path is being built. He believes eventually this path will have a solid surface such as pavers so the path would be constructed with layers to support that. Andrea discussed that the first goal is to get the path in and then the various gardens and memorials would be built around that. A good comprehensive list will need to be determined so that donations of materials could be pursued. Russie asked about the time capsule that might be buried at Ellingwood. Lara provided an update about the location of the time capsule with the white pines surrounding it. It was discussed that students from BCS would determine the contents of the time capsule and Andrea suggested that they might include something about veterans since it would be buried near the Veterans Memorial Riverwalk. John suggested that the kids include a picture of them to show who determined their contents 100 years from now. Andrea discussed getting a better view of the plans and the involvement a surveyor was suggested. Andrea will contact a local surveyor to see if he could assist. Eric said he could provide a perspective view, rather than an architectural view, once more details are determined. The progress of building this path was discussed. It could bother people if certain wars were represented before others. John suggested starting with branches of the military first so that everyone was recognized and then wars could be addressed later. John suggested having a flagpole for each branch of the military which the group thought was a great idea. The group talked about the whole stretch from Ellingwood to Lower Round Pond Road eventually being like a continuous park with the fish ladder, swimming hole etc. Andrea pointed out that with the Riverwalk, Memorial Tree at the Swimming Hole and the Liberty Pole near the town office, there is a stretch of veteran related items in Bristol Mills. A question was asked about the shoreland zone and Peter explained that the Riverwalk would stay outside of the 25-foot setback.
- Next Steps: Get something together for the newspaper
Gather a definitive materials list once the DEP permit is in place

Next Meeting: 4/8/2020